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BACKGROUND--CYPRUS AND TURKEY

- I. Question of self-determination for Cyprus will remain important factor in Greek politics, even though provisional settlement may soon be reached with UK.
 - A. Because of nationalist emotion involved, any Greek government will have to support Cypriote aspirations.
 - B. Prime Minister Karamanlis will thus continue to support efforts of Archbishop Makarios, although Karamanlis almost certainly desires temporary settlement of issue, so he can devote his attention to Greece's domestic problems.
- II. Turkish parliament approved (29 Feb) payments (not to exceed \$30 million) for victims of anti-Greek riots of Sep '55.

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- A. Action removes a principal obstacle to renewed Greek-Turkish co-operation in NATO and Balkan alliance.
- B. Karamanlis will thus gain a little more freedom of action in dealing with Greece's international problems.
- C. However, relations with Turkey will probably continue somewhat strained.